

**IN THE MATTER OF:****NATURAL GAS RESEARCH AND  
DEVELOPMENT**

) **Docket No. 19-ERDD-01**  
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 ) WORKSHOP  
 ) RE: NATURAL GAS RESEARCH  
 ) AND DEVELOPMENT

## **NOTICE OF STAFF WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS PROPOSED NATURAL GAS RESEARCH INITIATIVES FOR FY 2019-20**

California Energy Commission staff will conduct a public workshop to discuss the Public Interest Natural Gas Research and Development (Natural Gas R&D) program's proposed energy-related natural gas research initiatives for the 2019-20 fiscal year (FY) and proposed expansion request on:

**JANUARY 24, 2019****9:00 a.m.**

**Warren-Alquist State Energy Building  
1516 Ninth Street  
First Floor, Rosenfeld Hearing Room  
Sacramento, California 95814  
(Wheelchair Accessible)**

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### **Agenda**

The Natural Gas Research and Development Program Proposed Program Plan and Funding Request for Fiscal Year 2019-20 identifies and addresses emerging natural gas-related trends that are important to California's energy future. During this workshop staff will discuss:

- Introduction and Purpose
- Staff Presentations on Proposed Natural Gas Research Initiatives
- Public Comments

### **Background**

In 2004, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) designated the Energy Commission as the administrator for natural gas research fund

(Decision 04-08-010). The Energy Commission manages these funds through the Natural Gas R&D Program. Staff will discuss research initiatives across all natural gas research areas including: energy efficiency, renewable energy, natural gas infrastructure and safety, natural gas-related environmental research, and natural gas-related transportation research.

Feedback will be gathered on the proposed natural gas research initiatives from utilities, researchers, manufacturers, end users, environmental and consumer representatives, policymakers from state agencies, federal agencies, and members of the public. Commissioners may attend the workshop, but no votes will be taken.

Results from the workshop will assist Energy Commission staff in developing the proposed natural gas research plan for FY 2019-20, which will be presented to the CPUC for final approval during a CPUC business meeting later in the year.

## **Public Comment**

**Oral comments:** Oral comments will be accepted during the workshop. Comments may be limited to five minutes per speaker. Any comments may become part of the public record in this proceeding.

Public feedback should focus on:

- Advice and comments on the initiatives.
- Possible duplication of efforts.
- Opportunities to gain synergies in research efforts.
- Effective transfer and use of research results.

**Written comments:** Written comments must be submitted to the Docket Unit by **5:00 p.m. on January 31, 2019**. Written comments will also be accepted at the workshop; however, the Energy Commission may not have time to review them before the conclusion of the meeting.

Written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g. address, phone number, email address) become part of the viewable public record. This information may also become available via any Internet search engine.

The Energy Commission encourages use of its electronic commenting system. Visit <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Ecomment/Ecomment.aspx?docketnumber=19-ERDD-01>, which links to the comment page for this docket. Select or enter a proceeding to be taken to the “Add Comment” page. Enter your contact information and a comment title describing the subject of your comment(s). Comments may be included in the “Comment Text” box or attached in a downloadable, searchable Microsoft® Word (.doc, .docx) or Adobe® Acrobat® (.pdf) file. Maximum file size is 10 MB.

Written comments may also be submitted by email. Include docket number 19-ERDD-01 and “Proposed Natural Gas Research Initiatives for FY 2019-20” in the subject line and send to [docket@energy.ca.gov](mailto:docket@energy.ca.gov).

If preferred, a paper copy may be submitted to:

California Energy Commission  
Docket Unit, MS-4  
Re: Docket No. 19-ERDD-01  
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## **Availability of Documents**

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Dated: January 14, 2019, at Sacramento, California

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